

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY - RECOMMENDATION

### Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)

**Subregion:** SOUTH **County:** TULARE

**Applicant:** COMMUNITY SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, INC. (CSET)

**Project Title:** TULE RIVER SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT II

**Application Number:** SNC 070347

### PROJECT SCOPE

The Community Services & Employment Training, Inc. (CSET) will conduct twice a month clean-ups along the Tule River within the Sequoia National Monument. This effort will be carried out by CSET in partnership with the US Forest Service and WildPlaces. CSET will also organize and oversee large-scale river clean up events. CSET will train and supervise youth corps to conduct the clean ups, and they will also be educating the youth they employ about the importance of watershed health. CSET will train and work with their youth corps to conduct graffiti evaluations and mapping using GIS. Finally, CSET will conduct river clean-up outreach and education at local community events, through the Wild Camp program, high school presentations, and by scheduling presentation with youth corps staff and forest rangers.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the authorization of this grant for \$149,428, which does not include \$49,100 for a crew cab that would continue to be used beyond the life of this grant.

### LETTERS OF SUPPORT

None provided.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Organize and set clean up schedules for monthly river clean ups	June 2008, March 2009 & 2010
Order supplies for monthly and large scale clean ups	June 2008, March 2009 & 2010
Conduct safety training for monthly clean ups	June 2008, 2009 & 2010
Plan and coordinate large clean up events: Keep America Beautiful, Public Lands Day, and Earth Day	June 2008-April 2010
Conduct monthly river clean ups including photo documenting each event and logging location and amount of trash collected to identify future trash bag dispenser sites and receptacles	July 2008, May-September 2009 & 2010
Conduct Keep America Beautiful-Great American Clean Up and	July 2008 & 2009

evaluate clean up effort	
Forest Service presentations to Youth Corps and public	July 2008, May-September 2009 & 2010
Conduct Wild Camp outreach and education program (five sessions each summer)	Summer 2008 & 2009
High school presentations about river clean up and watershed health	September-June 2008 & 2009
Conduct Public Lands Day Clean Up and evaluate clean up effort	September 2008 & 2009
Conduct GIS training for graffiti mapping	September-November 2008
Complete and submit six-month progress report to SNC	November 2008
Conduct Earth Day Clean Up and evaluate clean up effort	April 2009
Conduct GIS graffiti mapping	April 2009-March 2010
Complete and submit 12-month progress report to SNC	May 2009
Complete and submit 18-month progress report to SNC	November 2009
<b>Final Report/Final Payment Request</b>	<b>April 2010</b>

### PROJECT COSTS

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Supplies for large clean up events, conduct evaluations, graffiti mapping	\$40,000
60, twice monthly clean up events	\$84,762
Mileage	\$3,960
Clean up supplies for monthly events	\$6,000
Direct administration expenses	\$14,706
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$149,428</b>

## 2. Project Summary

Provide a summary (one-page maximum) that describes key elements of the project and states the total project cost.

Community Services & Employment Training (CSET) applied for and received \$99,999 of the original SOG 3 request of \$359,207 for the Tule River Site Improvement Project. CSET reduced the original proposal at the request of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and was encouraged to submit the proposal for the remaining amount. The twice a month clean ups, a vital component of the proposal, was cut as well as \$40,000 for large clean up events, evaluations and graffiti mapping. These components will strengthen the health of the Tule River watershed with the innovative solutions designed by Community Services & Employment Training (CSET), a local conservation corps, the United States Forest Service (USFS) and WildPlaces.

These partners have collaborated to bring to bear their distinct expertise and resources to decrease river and associated land pollution through the proposed clean ups, evaluations and graffiti mapping with the permanent recycling options and education. Both WildPlaces and the Tulare County Youth Corps (TCYC) are experienced in providing experiential learning opportunities and job training. Their expertise will benefit this project by teaching corpsmembers to map graffiti along the river using GIS technology, while weaving in gang prevention strategies. Routine clean ups and reliable opportunities for recycling will reduce trash and contamination of the river. Education that targets the specific needs of the river's diverse users will mobilize stakeholders and garner the community support needed to sustain the enhancements achieved by this project. All elements of this project will be easily adaptable and replicable to other forests and agencies resulting in long-term benefits.

### Budget Summary

Anticipated Funding Committed	\$ 83,319
In-Kind Services Committed	\$ 67,609
<u>SNC Grant Request</u>	<u>\$198,528</u>
Total	\$349,456